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SUBJ: INDONESIA PURCHASING FERTILIZER FROM
EASTERN EUROPE; U.S. UREA EXPORT EMBARGO?

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1. REFTELS REPORTED GOI DELEGATION LED BY
FOREIGN MINISTER VISITING EASTERN EUROPE TO DISCUSS
TRADE RELATIONS. EMBASSY NOW INFORMED BY GOI FERTILIZER
OFFICIAL THAT APPROXIMATELY 70-0/0 OF INDONESIA'S 1974-75
UREA REQUIREMENTS WILL BE PURCHASED FROM EASTERN
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES (USSR, ROMANIA, BULGARIA, POLAND,
YUGOSLAVIA). BALANCE INDONESIAN IMPORT REQUIREMENTS
WILL COME FROM JAPAN AND OTHER COUNTRIES.
REPORTEDLY SMALL GOI DEPARTMENT OF TRADE TEAM
ACCOMPANYING INDONESIAN DELEGATION VISITING
EASTERN EUROPE TO WORK OUT SHIPPING SCHEDULES
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AND OTHER DETAILS OF FERTILIZER PURCHASE.

2. GOI REQUESTING 500,000 METRIC TONS UREA, BEGINNING WITH 20,000 TONS ALREADY SHIPPED INDONESIA APRIL, 1974 BY USSR. PURCHASES ARE FINANCED THROUGH GENERAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE AT PRICE \$345-350 PER TON. UREA WILL BE SHIPPED IN 50 KGS. SINGLE PLY POLYPROPYLENE BAGS PROBABLY WITH IHG PILFERAGE AND DAMAGE RATE.

3. IN POSSIBLY RELATED MATTER, EMBASSY RECENTLY RECEIVED INQUIRY FROM INDONESIAN FERTILIZER IMPORTER WHO HAD RECEIVED FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SUPPLIER INDAUS TRADING COMPANY OF MELBOURNE, AUSTRALI: "DUE TO EMBARGO ENFORCED 14TH OF JUNE 1974 ON UREA FROM USA, OUR AMERICAN SUPPLIER HAS OFFERED US UREA FROM VERACRUZ, MEXICAN GULF PORTS. SIGNED GILBERT. C/O PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL BANK, 55 BROAD STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK". INDONESIAN FIRM ASKED EMBASSY ABOUT PURPORTED U.S. UREA EXPORT EMBARGO. EMBASSY TOTALLY UNAWARE ANY SUCH EMBARGO AND SO ADVISED INQUIRER.

4. EMBASSY ANXIOUS LEARN WHETHER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES IN U.S. COULD HAVE PROMPTED SUCH REPORT AND

IF SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES MIGHT HELP EXPLAIN GOI DECISION SEEK BASIC SUPPLIES UREA FROM EASTERN EUROPE. ARE THERE ANY RESTRICTIONS ON EXPORT OF U.S. FERTILIZERS? IF NOT, IS SUPPLY SITUATION SO TIGHT THAT EMBASSY SHOULD DISCOURAGE POTENTIAL BUYERS AND/OR OTHER FERTILIZERS?
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